

RN TO BSN ARTICULATION TRACK

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Major: Nursing

Concentration: RN to BSN Track

Total Hours: 120

RN to BSN (<https://www.lamar.edu/catalog/degrees-and-programs/degree-course-requirements/as/bs-nursing-rn-bsn-track.html>) applications are processed through ApplyTexas (<https://www.applytexas.org/>). Follow the instructions carefully so that the correct major is chosen. If the wrong major is selected, there can be a delay in the admission decision.

Admission to Lamar University is required as well as admission to the RN-BSN Articulation Track in the Dishman School of Nursing. Official transcripts from other colleges or universities must be evaluated by Lamar University.

To be considered for admission to the RN-BSN Track, the student must:

- Have an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree (AASN or ADN) or
- Apply and be admitted to Lamar University.
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Students with a cumulative GPA between 2.0 and 2.49 may be admitted on a conditional basis, allowing them to enroll in 6 hours of nursing courses and must earn a grade of "B" or better to progress in the RN-BSN Track.
- Must have a "C" or better in ENGL 1301 Composition I, ENGL 1302 Composition II, MATH 1314 College Algebra(Non-Calculus), MATH 1342 Statistics/PSYC 2317 Introduction to Statistical Methods, BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I, BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II, BIOL 2421 Microbiology for Science Majors, PSYC 2315 Lifespan Development, and NUTR 1322 Basic Nutrition to be accepted in the program.
- Have a current, unencumbered license to practice professional nursing (RN) in the U.S. or an approved U.S. territory.

The admission process is as follows:

- The student should follow the instructions for ApplyTexas, selecting Online Campus and then the the correct degree code (Registered Nurse to BSN - ONLINE DEGREE) and the semester in which the student wants to enroll.
- Send official transcripts to the:
Lamar University Admissions Office
P.O. Box 10009
Beaumont, Texas 77710
- The Lamar University Admissions Office will then determine the students' admission status, and what courses will transfer. Admissions will send an email with the decision regarding the students' acceptance to Lamar University.
- The Dishman School of Nursing will be notified after admission is complete.

- The Dishman School of Nursing will review the student's file and transcripts to determine if the student meets the admission requirements for the RN-BSN Track.
- Accepted students will receive a packet by email from the Dishman School of Nursing providing them with details regarding their degree plan and the requirements necessary to progress in the track. Students will need to review the packet and their degree plan through their degree audit on Banner Self-Serv.
- After students have reviewed the acceptance packet, they must email their advisor confirming their acceptance and schedule an advising appointment.

Curriculum

Full-time students can complete the RN-BSN Track in 14 months (if all core courses are fulfilled prior to admission). All nursing courses in the RN-BSN Track are 8 weeks long (10 weeks during summer sessions). General education courses are either 8 weeks or 15 weeks long and may be completed concurrently with nursing courses.

Students are required to consult with an RN-BSN Articulation Track Advisor (onlineadvising@lamar.edu) before each semester to discuss the best option for their academic progress.

Progression in the RN to BSN Track

Students are required to earn a grade of "C" or better in each nursing course while following the sequence identified for the program of study.

The grading scale for nursing courses in the RN-BSN Track is as follows:

- A= 100-90 Excellent
- B = 89-80 Good
- C = 79-75 Satisfactory
- D = 74-60 Failure
- F = 59-0 Failure

In order to progress in the RN-BSN Track students are required to:

- Maintain a current unencumbered nursing license
- Complete a criminal background screening
- Obtain Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification
- Submit to a physical exam completed by their physician
- Provide documentation of required immunizations
- Obtain nursing liability insurance

These requirements are the responsibility of the student and are not included in Lamar's tuition and fees. Students will be required to maintain current immunization status, CPR certification, and liability insurance while enrolled in nursing courses.

Escrow Courses for RN-BSN Students

RN-BSN students will be awarded 30 hours of Nursing credits via escrow, which will be added to the student's transcript once the nursing capstone course, NURS 4580 Synthesis in Professional Nursing, has been successfully completed.

Transfer Credits

An official transcript evaluation by Lamar University is required for all transfer credits. Transfer credits that are not equivalent to Lamar credits must be evaluated on an individual basis by the appropriate department

chair. Technical credits will not be accepted by the Dishman School of Nursing. Please speak with an advisor regarding questions about transfer credits.

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| General Education Core Curriculum | | |
| <i>Communication</i> | | |
| ENGL 1301 | Composition I | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| COMM 1315 | Public Speaking I | |
| COMM 1321 | Business and Professional Speech | |
| DSDE 1371 | ASL I | |
| FREN 1311 | Beginning French I | |
| SPAN 1311 | Beginning Spanish I | |
| <i>Mathematics</i> | | |
| MATH 1332 | Contemporary Mathematics I ¹ | 3 |
| <i>Life and Physical Sciences</i> | | |
| BIOL 2401 | Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |
| BIOL 2402 | Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
| <i>Language, Philosophy and Culture</i> | | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| DSDE 1374 | Introduction to Deaf Studies | |
| ENGL 2300 | Close Reading II | |
| ENGL 2322 | British Literature | |
| ENGL 2326 | American Literature | |
| ENGL 2331 | World Literature | |
| ENGL 2376 | African-American Literature | |
| FREN 2312 | Intermediate French II | |
| PHIL 1370 | Philosophy of Knowledge | |
| PHIL 2306 | Ethics | |
| SPAN 2312 | Intermediate Spanish II | |
| <i>Creative Arts</i> | | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| ARTS 1301 | Art Appreciation | |
| ARTS 1303 | Art History I | |
| COMM 1375 | Film Appreciation | |
| COSC 1324 | The Art of Computer Game Development | |
| DANC 2304 | Dance Appreciation | |
| MUSI 1306 | Music Appreciation | |
| MUSI 1309 | Jazz History and Appreciation | |
| MUSI 1310 | History of Rock and Roll | |
| PHIL 1330 | Arts and Ideas | |
| THEA 1310 | Theatre Appreciation | |
| <i>American History</i> | | |
| Select two of the following: | | 6 |
| HIST 1301 | U S History I 1763-1877 | |
| HIST 1302 | U S History II Since 1877 | |
| HIST 2301 | Texas History | |
| <i>Government/Political Science</i> | | |
| POLS 2301 | Intro to American Government I | 3 |
| POLS 2302 | Intro/American Government II | 3 |
| <i>Social and Behavioral Sciences</i> | | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |

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| ANTH 2346 | Introduction to Anthropology | |
| ANTH 2351 | Cultural Anthropology | |
| BULW 1370 | Business Environment and Public Policy | |
| CRIJ 1301 | Intro to Criminal Justice | |
| ECON 1301 | Principles and Policies | |
| ECON 2301 | Principles of Economics I Macro | |
| ECON 2302 | Principles of Economics II Micro | |
| FINC 2310 | Intro to Consumer Finance | |
| INEN 2373 | Engineering Economics | |
| PSYC 2301 | General Psychology | |
| POLS 1301 | Intro to Political Science | |
| SOCI 1301 | Introduction to Sociology | |
| SOWK 2361 | Intro Social Work | |
| <i>Component Area Option</i> | | |
| ENGL 1302 | Composition II | 3 |
| MATH 1342 | Statistics | 3 |
| | or PSYC 2317 Introduction to Statistical Methods | |
| Required Major Courses | | |
| <i>Additional Required Courses</i> | | |
| BIOL 2421 | Microbiology for Science Majors ² | 4 |
| NUTR 1322 | Basic Nutrition | 3 |
| PSYC 2315 | Lifespan Development | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Elective ³ | | 3 |
| <i>R.N. to B.S.N. Courses</i> | | |
| NURS 4321 | Nursing Theories and Online Education | 3 |
| NURS 4316 | Comprehensive Holistic Health Assessment | 3 |
| NURS 4391 | Evidence-Based Practice and Nursing Inquiry | 3 |
| NURS 4620 | Nursing Practice: Compromised Multiple Health States | 6 |
| NURS 4540 | Nursing Practice: Care of Communities | 5 |
| NURS 4550 | Nursing Practice: Leadership and Management in the Healthcare System | 5 |
| NURS 4580 | Synthesis in Professional Nursing | 5 |
| <i>Escrowed Nursing Courses ¹</i> | | |
| NURS 3440 | Concepts of Professional Nursing ⁵ | 4 |
| NURS 3241 | Practicum: Concepts of Professional Nursing | 2 |
| NURS 3110 | Nursing Simulation Lab I | 1 |
| NURS 3330 | Principles of Pharmacology | 3 |
| NURS 3520 | Care of Adults | 5 |
| NURS 3221 | Practicum: Care of Adults | 2 |
| NURS 3320 | Care of Behavioral Health Client | 3 |
| NURS 3231 | Practicum: Care of Behavioral Health Client | 2 |
| NURS 3112 | Nursing Simulation Lab II | 1 |
| NURS 4560 | Care of the Parent-Child Family | 5 |
| NURS 4261 | Practicum: Parent-Child Family | 2 |
| Total Hours | | 120 |

¹ Though MATH 1332 is preferred, MATH 1314, 2311, 2312, 2413 will also be accepted

² Though BIOL 2421 is preferred, BIOL 2420 will also be accepted

³ This requirement will be reduced to 2 hours in the spring of 2024

⁴ Credit will be awarded in the last semester.

⁵ This course will change to NURS 3540 in the spring of 2024

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